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## News Release

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### Army System Administrator Earns New Federal Computer Week Rising Star Award

*MC4's Cody Smith Recognized for Technical Leadership in Kuwait*

**FORT DETRICK, Md., September 18, 2006** – MC4's Cody Smith was selected by *Federal Computer Week (FCW)* magazine to receive the first annual Rising Star Award for his efforts supporting electronic medical recording in Kuwait. The inaugural Rising Star Awards are presented to tomorrow's leaders and influencers in the government IT community.

Smith's commitment has enabled MC4 to provide improved healthcare to Service members by way of a complete, secure, electronic medical record enabling the transfer of more than 350,000 medical records and fielding more than 14,000 systems to 250 medical and combat troops in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

"Cody's leadership and commitment to the Surgeon General's Electronic Health Recording Initiative continues to make a lasting impact on Service members, deployed medical professionals and combatant commanders around the world," said LTC Edward Clayson, MC4 Product Manager. "His dedication has played a key role in meeting priorities set in the Army Campaign Plan, while proactively supporting the global war on terrorism."



Smith has been vital to the MC4 mission in Southwest Asia. While serving as the MC4 Site Lead in Kuwait, he developed electronic medical record standard operating procedures (SOPs) that were so well received by Army leaders that they are being implemented in medical treatment facilities throughout Iraq, Afghanistan and Qatar. Smith's 24-7 technical support commitment and new refresher training efforts have helped medics and unit commanders better utilize MC4 like never before – lending U.S. medical forces a decisive advantage on the battlefield.

"What Cody has done with new SOPs and a proactive refresher training initiative is modernize medical recording practices throughout the combat zone and provide a more hands-on approach to training on the battlefield," LTC Clayson said. "His contributions have already delivered results, and for that he should be commended."

The 2006 *FCW* Rising Star Awards recognize 53 individuals who demonstrated leadership and innovation in the past year, and have had a profound effect on their respective organizations. Smith, a General Dynamics Information Technology contractor, will be honored at the Rising Star Award ceremony on October 12 at the JW Marriot in Washington, D.C.

Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care (MC4) develops, fields and supports a medical information management system for Army tactical medical forces, enabling a comprehensive, life-long electronic medical record for all Service members, and enhancing medical situational awareness for operational commanders. Headquartered at Fort Detrick, Md., MC4 is under the oversight of the Army Program Executive Office, Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS) at Fort Belvoir, Va. For more information on MC4, visit [www.mc4.army.mil](http://www.mc4.army.mil).

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